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1. On the night of 5 August I spent several hours with Mr. Francis Flanagan, Counsel of the Senate Committee on Government Operations and former Chief Counsel of the Investigations Subcommittee. In the course of the conversation, Mr. Flanagan informed me that Senator McCarthy had become particularly incensed because of an article in the Evening Star which appeared shortly after the McCarthy/Dulles agreement. This article by Cecil Holland detailed a virtual blow-by-blow account of the CIA controversy with McCarthy from "informed sources", and it put the Senator in rather a bad light. Senator McCarthy felt that CIA had deliberately leaked this article and it was Flanagan's opinion that this would be at the base of all further McCarthy attacks upon CIA. I asked Mr. Flanagan whether he did not feel that McCarthy would have continued to attack CIA in any event, and Mr. Flanagan gave as his opinion that this would not have been so as McCarthy had been prepared to keep quiet and withdraw from attacks on CIA, and Mr. Flanagan had belabored this point with him.

* 2. On a personal basis Mr. Flanagan asked me to do everything possible to secure a job in CIA for Mr. [redacted] of his staff, who is now planning to leave the Committee. I told Mr. Flanagan I would do everything that I could, and have sent the necessary forms. I also received a call from Mr. William Rogers, Deputy Attorney General, giving his strong endorsement to [redacted] who had worked for him, and pointing out that [redacted] was leaving [redacted]. Although Mr. [redacted] experience is largely investigative, it is recommended that all possible steps be taken to fit him into a CIA job.

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4. I discussed with Mr. [] a proposed reply to Senator Fulbright's letter to the DCI complaining of an approach to him and other Senators for statements on foreign affairs by a member of the []

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5. I have briefed Mr. Fisher, of the office of Senator Saltonstall on the background and reasons for the denial of an immigration visa to Mrs. [] and have suggested that in view of the background in this case Senator Saltonstall may wish to back off. Mr. Fisher was very appreciative of the information, which he will pass on to Senator Saltonstall and/or Mr. Henry Minot on an "ears only" basis, so that they may be briefed when approached again by Mrs.

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6. Mr. [] subject of Item 1 of the log of 5 August, did not arrive for his appointment, and I was not in at the time of his subsequent telephone calls, presumably to make a further appointment.

7. In accordance with agreements between Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Kirkpatrick, I informed Mr. Mountain, of the staff of the House Committee on Government Operations, that it would not be possible to allow him to review intelligence material in connection with background information on Korea for the Subcommittee's trip abroad. However, I stated that we would be willing to undertake writing up the desired information for Mr. Mountain if he would supply us with detailed terms of reference.

8. In connection with a possible briefing of Senator Knowland, prior to his trip to the Far East at the end of August, Mr. Gleason, his Administrative Assistant, suggests that we call the Senator at the Oakland Tribune in California on 17 August and offer the Senator whatever briefing he desires prior to his departure. This will enable us to give Senator Knowland the most up-to-date information.

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